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The Tree Lichen Beauty Cryphia algae Fabr. (Lep.: Noctuidae) in north-west Kent — a remarkable coincidence?

Scarcer immigrants from continental Europe are very rarely noted at my garden m.v. light here at Dartford. Therefore it was with great surprise that, on 9 August 2000, I found a specimen of what I thought must be the Tree Lichen Beauty at the trap, and this was later confirmed to be correct. It would seem to be the first to be recorded for vice-county 16, West Kent, and also for the London Area as defined by the London Natural History Society (Plant, 1993. *Larger Moths of the London Area*).

On 30 July 2001, a further example arrived. With the unlikelihood of so rare an immigrant, whose visits seemed limited to the south coast and nearby locations, visiting this unlikely spot again and with a large area of woodland close by, was this merely coincidence? However, both arrived during periods of immigrant activity. What if another appeared in 2002?

Exactly one year later, on 30 July 30, 2002, the third one did arrive, probably also at a time of immigrant activity, but has this extended coincidence too far?— B. K. West, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent DA5 2HN.

Coleophora gardesanella (Toll) (Lep.: Coleophoridae) new to Wiltshire

On the evening of 5 July 2002, prior to using m.v. light, my brother and I swept over typical chalk downland on the edge of Lavington Down, South Wiltshire (VC 8) on the military training area near to Tilshead. After due setting and dissection one of the micros taken proved to be *Coleophora gardesanella*. According to Palmer (2001. *The Microlepidoptera of Wiltshire*), this species has not before been recorded in Wiltshire. This probably represents a slight westward extension of its known range. Some of the foodplants associated with this species occur in some abundance on the military training areas (one eighth of Wiltshire) and although one cannot be certain it is probable that this species had been previously over-looked.— M. H. SMITH, 42 Bellefield Crescent, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8SR.

Coleophora adspersella (Benander) (Lep.: Coleophoridae) new to Wiltshire

On 13 June 2001, my brother Godfrey took a coleophorid in his trap at Steeple Ashton, South Wiltshire (VC 8, O.S. grid reference ST 8957). Dissection confirmed that the specimen was *Coleophora adspersella*. Reference to Palmer (2001. *The Microlepidoptera of Wiltshire* Privately published), indicates that there is no previous record of this species for Wiltshire.— M. H. SMITH, 42 Bellefield Crescent, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8SR.